

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 868

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center's recent mission of goodwill to Haiti.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those groups which have undertaken, as their mission, the health and well-being of those in dire need, extending the hand of goodwill across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the team of doctors and nurses which recently travelled to Haiti in the wake of that country's devastating earthquake is one such group, and their efforts are commendable in every way; and

WHEREAS, following the January earthquake, which was centered just outside the nation's capitol of Port-au-Prince, thousands were injured or killed, and many more displaced due to the destruction caused by the event; and

WHEREAS, soon thereafter, Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center organized a pediatric surgical team which, in cooperation with Dr. Gordon Kraus and the Haiti Medical Mission from Memphis, flew into Port-au-Prince on January 30, 2010. The medical team's goal was to offer their medical assistance and expertise to any in need; and

WHEREAS, the Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center team was aided in no small fashion by Fred Smith and his company, FedEx, which flew the team to Haiti on a corporate jet and also donated 33,000 pounds of supplies for the Haitian people; and

WHEREAS, the medical missionaries also experienced tremendous support from the Memphis community. St. Jude Children's Hospital donated pharmaceuticals; the Memphis Grizzlies professional basketball team contributed \$50,000; the Memphis Rotary Club donated \$14,800; AT&T donated free voice, text, and data services for communication from Haiti;

ExtraOrtho contributed medical devices for severe fractures; and the Shelby County Health Department donated immunizations for all team members; and

WHEREAS, during their days in Haiti, the medical team was headquartered at Dr. Kraus's clinic, The Holy Rosary Clinic in Croix des Bouquets. After treating patients at the clinic for several days, the team began to staff Sacred Heart Hospital, which had a great need of surgeons; and

WHEREAS, during their days in Haiti, the medical mission team treated an estimated 600-plus patients and participated in seventy-five surgeries; and

WHEREAS, the medical team was comprised of: Dr. Sunny Anand, Medical Director of Critical Care at Le Bonheur; Dr. Trey Eubanks, Pediatric General Surgeon and Medical Director of Trauma at Le Bonheur; Dr. Derek Kelly, Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon at Le Bonheur; Dr. Josh Meier, Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon at Kosair Children's Hospital; Gordon Corder, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at Le Bonheur; Jacob Howell, Operating Room Registered Nurse at Le Bonheur; Amanda Mauck, Communications Specialist at Le Bonheur; Crile Crisler Logistics Specialist and Emergency Medical Technician at Le Bonheur; Dr. Gordon Kraus, Medical Director of Haiti Medical Mission of Memphis; Dr. Carmel Verrier, Oncologist with Haiti Medical Mission of Memphis; Dr. Farnel Backer, Family Practice Physician with Haiti Medical Mission of Memphis; and Charles Amsden, X-Ray Technician with Haiti Medical Mission of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, in donating their time, energies, and expertise, the medical mission team members improved the lives of many Haitians, and their commitment to helping the children of Haiti deserves the highest of commendations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend the members of the Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center's team of medical missionaries on their recent trip to Haiti, applauding their commitment to serving those in need the world over and extending our best wishes for their every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.